

MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
July 27, 2011
7:00 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186

Members Present: Laurence Mason, Chairman, Peter S. Eltringham, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Adrienne Garreau and R. Holder Trumbo.

Members Absent: Joel Barkman, J. David Cubbage and Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Ike Broaddus, Vint Hill Economic Development Authority

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

1. Approval of June 29, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by William Nace, it was moved to approve the June 29, 2011 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Rogues Road (Route 602) – Frank Fuerst (and Others) Request

Mr. Fuerst described the nature of Rogues Road which has many curves and hills with no shoulders and poor visibility. He provided a handout of statistics from VDOT during the 2007 – 2009 timeframe and pointed out the significant increase in accidents over that two year period. Mr. Fuerst described the current traffic as both local and cut-through using Rogues Rd. as a means to get from Rt. 215 to Rt. 605, coming from the Manassas area to get to Warrenton and vice versa. He further described the housing growth of the Vint Hill/Brookside areas, currently at 686 homes with an approved build out at 1300 homes.

The committee members then evaluated a handout from Susan Eddy of the existing weekday traffic conditions during am and pm peak hours taken July 2011 which indicates traffic counts and movements at key intersections in the Vint Hill area.

Mr. Eltringham acknowledged that the Transportation Committee received multiple requests from citizens as well as organizations within the community taking action to support the request for a traffic study on Rogues Road. The Vint Hill EDA and the Vint Hill Manor HOA both expressed the need for safety improvements for vehicles, including buses traveling to the new Kettle Run High and Greenville Elementary schools.

Mr. Trumbo suggested that the committee recommend to VDOT to study the length between Edington Drive to the Prince William County line.

Mr. Broaddus felt the two areas of most concern are the curve between Watson Drive and Finch Lane, and the hills with steep slopes south of the high school. Ed Moore added that he has witnessed during peak delivery time for the schools where cars are backed up into the lowest section between the hills. Approaching northbound vehicles then have a blind spot coming out from a curve creating a dangerous situation. At times these backups are as far south as Edington Drive and as far north as Finch Lane waiting to turn into the high school.

ACTION:

On motion made by Peter Eltringham and seconded by Holder Trumbo, in view of strong public concern and the endorsement of the Transportation Committee, it was moved to request VDOT perform a comprehensive study of Rogues Road (Rt. 602), from Edington Drive to the Fauquier County line, and make recommendations on safety improvements (including cost estimates), and possible speed limit changes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Citizens' Time*

Frank Fuerst asked for clarification of pamphlets distributed in his community regarding an outer beltway and western bypass. Mr. Trumbo explained they are most likely related to the resolution the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) recently adopted in support of a Corridor of Statewide Significance.

Ed Moore, Brookside Community and Ike Broaddus, Vint Hill EDA stated they were present to support Frank Fuerst and the request for a traffic study on Rogues Road.

Ike Broaddus inquired when the New Baltimore Service District Citizen Committee will be formed. Mr. Trumbo replied that it will be implemented in the near future.

4. *Other Items*

Mr. Eltringham asked if there are other projects going through the CTB that the Transportation Committee should be aware of. Mr. Trumbo responded that he is in contact with Fauquier's representative, Jim Rich, on a weekly basis who keeps him informed.

Mr. Eltringham suggested that after the September timeframe might be a good time to reach out to surrounding localities in order to establish and maintain a dialogue. Mr. Trumbo suggested it would be most productive if done through staff. Mrs. Eddy agreed to find out if the surrounding localities have organizations that function like Fauquier's Transportation Committee. Mr. Trumbo further suggested that we advise these localities when we update our Transportation Plan and request that they do the same.

Mrs. Eddy reminded the group that there will be no August Transportation Committee meeting and Dane Ismart will be attending in September.

Ms. Garreau mentioned that the resolution for “No Through Tractor Trailer” designation for Halfway Road, Zulla Road and Rectortown/Atoka Road was passed by the Board of Supervisors at the July meeting. Mr. Trumbo added that the Town of The Plains, the Town of Middleburg and Loudoun County need to pass similar resolutions before it can go to public hearing at the CTB.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, 2011.**